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SUBJ: MEW PROPOSAL FOR COOPERATION WITH OSW.

1. RECENT MAJOR REDIRECTION OF OSW PROGRAMS PHASES OUT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH DISTILLATION PROCESSES AS WELL AS BRACKISH WATER MEMBRANE PROCESSES. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WILL BE CONFINED TO MEMBRANES FOR DESALINATION OF SEA WATER AND SOME ASPECTS OF FREEZING. IN ESSENCE, PROGRAM IS TO EMPHASIZE RESEARCH ON PROMISING METHODS FOR WHICH TECHNOLOGY HAS NOT BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY DEVELOPED FOR ASSUMPTION BY PRIVATE INDUSTRY. FUTURE FUNDING LEVELS AND PERSONNEL CEILINGS FOR OSW WILL BE REDUCED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH EFFORT REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM.

2. ALTHOUGH OSW DESIRES TO COOPERATE WITH OTHERS IN ADVANCING DESALTING TECHNOLOGY, ALL FUNDS AND PERSONNEL ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO PROGRAM OBJECTIVES IN PARA. (1) ABOVE. OSW WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION FOR
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ADVANCEMENT OF DESALTING THROUGH DISSEMINATION OF SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE, CONFERENCES, AND VISITS BUT UNABLE TO FUND EFFORTS BY OTHERS.

3. OSW SUGGESTS GOK MIGHT ARRANGE FOR VISIT AND CONFERENCE WITH WRDC PERSONNEL TO DISCUSS FUTURE RESEARCH PROGRAMS OF OSW AND WRDC TO DETERMINE MUTUAL INTEREST AND DEGREE OF COOPERATION THAT CAN BE WORKED OUT COMPATIBLE WITH PARAS. (1) AND (2) ABOVE.

4. UNDER REDIRECTION OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES OSW WILL CLOSE DOWN FIELD OPERATIONS AT FREEPORT, TEXAS; ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO; AND SAN DIEGO, CALIF. OSW WOULD WELCOME EARLY VISIT (BEFORE JUNE 30) BY WRDC PERSONNEL, ESPECIALLY TO STUDY WORK CONDUCTED ON MATERIALS AT FREEPORT, TEXAS. OTHER INSTALLATIONS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION INCLUDE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, N. C. AND FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CALIF. ROGERS

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